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CONTRIBUTION OF STATES IN PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government pay attention to the States who contribute significantly to the country`s culture for attracting tourists from abroad;

(b) if so, the details along with the incentives given to them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Ancient monuments of historical and artistic importance and the multifarious expressions of Indian Culture are the major points that attract foreign tourists to India. The various institutions and programmes under the Ministry of Culture aim to conserve the built heritage as well as art forms and traditions that express Indian Culture. The Archaeological Survey of India is the major institution, which has protected a large number of monuments of national importance. The various Academies, the Anthropological Survey of India, the seven Zonal Cultural Centres etc. are some other institutions that study and foster cultural expressions and traditions. These organisations work with the involvement of State Governments. Though there is no direct assistance aimed at States that attract significant number of tourists, the States derive benefit from these activities in their tourism development initiatives.

(c): Does not arise.